Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Can you not expect a larger amount than last year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am not sure.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(k) (7). Whether that has been accepted by the Government. It involves no finahcial commitment.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—That is not sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government is not intending to sanction it?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Government think there is no necessity.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the object of the representation, whether that has been ascertained?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not exactly remember. I have not got that petition here. But I believe it is probably with the object that if once the designation is changed the post may be reserved to the Inspectors of the field force. Thereafter only an Inspector will be appointed.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(p) May I know what is the maximum and minimum grade of Inspectors is?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There are 3 grades, 60 to 90, 100 to 125 and 140 to 200.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there any grade of officers below them known as Sub-Inspectors now in Travancore service?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the principle followed in fixing the number of posts in the different grades?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will all the Inspectors of the third grade be able to rise to the maximum of the first grade before they retire?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot say now. It depends upon circumstances.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how a third grade Inspector happens to come to the second grade and then to the first grade—what is the criterion?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—If there is a vacancy the senior man in the last grade will be pushed up to the next grade.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it by virtue of the number of years he has served?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, it is not time-scale.

Toll-gates—fixing of.

234. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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(a) is there not any principle adopted by Government with regard to distance in fixing toll-gates on roads;

(b) if so, what is the distance within which not more than one toll-gate will be fixed;

(c) does the right of Government to fix toll-gates extend to roads constructed and maintained by Panchayats;

(d) who constructed the Aloor-Koonamuchi road in the Talappalli Taluk and who takes the collection from the toll-gate established on that road;

(e) is it the Panchayat or the Revenue Department?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) No. There is no hard and fast rule.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer given to (a).

(c) Yes.

(d) (1) The road was constructed by the Panchayat Department.

(2) The toll is collected by the Revenue Department and credited to P. W. D.

(e) Please see answer to sub-division (2) in (d).

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(c) Is it based upon any written rule or law?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is based upon the Ferries and Tolls Regulation.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know the particular provision of it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Section 3.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are the Government aware that in the construction of the particular road under question there have been large areas of free surrender for the construction of the road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know the distance between the toll-gate on the 11th milestone and the other toll-gate on Koonamuchi-Aloor road?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—About a mile and a half or utmost 2 miles.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state where this toll would have been established if the Aloor-Koonamuchi road has not been constructed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There would have been no toll if there was no road. If any other agency had constructed the road, there would have been the toll.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(a) May I know whether there is any rule guiding the Government in fixing tolls in any locality?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Section 3 again.

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